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# AIRNATS OUR NEWNAME--KAISER WILL FEEL THE BITE

# CORP. BESSOLO STILL WORLD'S HIGH CATCHER

Air Service Ball Players Unable to Beat Previous Record Catch

#### BALLS DROP 900 FEET

#### Rising Wind Hinders Possible Daring Feat

Corporal Bessolo is still world's champion "high catcher." The record established by himself when he caught a baseball dropped from an aeroplane flying at an altitude of 700 feet has not been bettered, in spite of the desperate try of fifty in France last Sunday. Cpl. Bessolo is a member of the 819th Aero Squadron and caught the ball at Kelly

Field, Texas, in July.
Hundreds of soldiers turned out on the day picked for the contest and lined the bank alongside the athletic grounds in hopes of seeing the world's record brought across the sea. In spite of this disappointment, however, the men were highly entertained, for the performance was very exciting and in many instances humorous.

The assirants gathered in the 150-foot white circle promptly at 2 o clock and were given instructions by the officer in charge, Lieut. Smith. A few moments later a trim little plane piloted by Lieut. Coleman hove into view, swept low over the field and received the prearranged signal to begin dropping the balls.

The plane climbed to an altitude of 750 feet, turned and headed in the direction of the circle, while the would-be catchers braced themselves to receive the ball.

A cry "there it comes" set up from a thousand throats as the pilot let loose the first leather pill and the white object glistening in the sun could be seen in its downward course. Contestants thinking they had the best line on it moved about rapidly, now running, now walking to gauge the vantage point, yet the pill fell untouched well within the

Back again went the aviator to set loose the second missile, but the rising wind carried it out of reach and got the crowd on the run who did not seem to. be willing to risk their bones in range of the imaginary bomb.

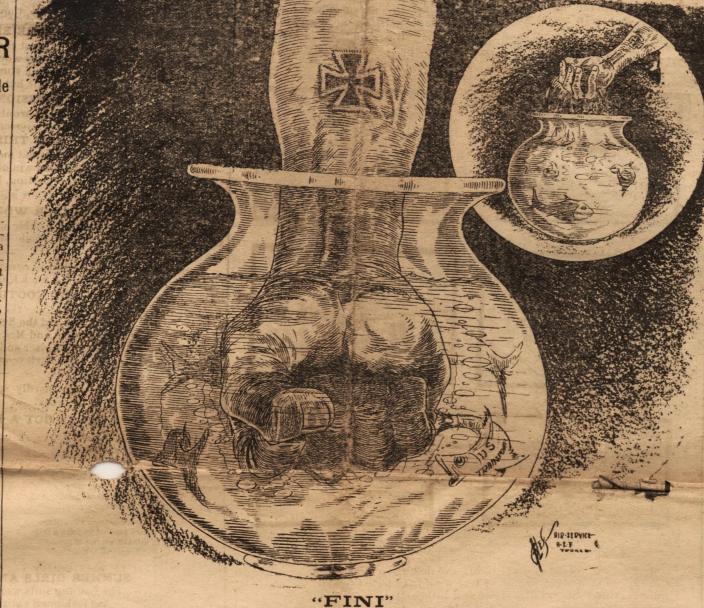
The wind kept increasing and ere half the pillets had been dropped, riding at 750 feet had become so bumpy that the pilot was forced to ascend to the 900foot level, fully 200 feet above the point at which Cpl. Bessolo's ball was dropped. The men did not kick however, knowing that conditions were not exactly ideal, and in the course of their efforts one unknown contestant was seen to get his mitts squarely under the pill, though its general windward sweep

made it impossible for him to catch it. Hundreds examined the balls after they dropped, being anxious to see what effect such a fall had on them, but contrary to reports received of the Kelly Field contest, none of them was dam-

The contestants, after trying for 20 consecutive chances, expressed their desire to try again for the record, believing that another day not so windy would give them a good chance to not only wrest the honors from Texas, but also add a couple hundred feet for the Southern airnats to try from.

Arrangements are being made for a repetition under more ideal circum-

Probably a try will be made in early morning or evening when air is still.



### A Mirrored Reflection of France

The people at home are eager for a glimpse of France and the surroundings of their boys.

The PLANE NEWS is a mirrored reflection of the Air Service life. It is written to be read here and at

It is past the embryo state.

It is a credit to the journalistic

world, if the voice of the press is to be taken as truth.

From Alfred O. Andersson, owner of a string of newspapers in the Southern States, comes a letter to a member of the PLANE NEWS staff. Referring to recent issues of the publication he says:

"I enjoyed reading them very much. Every detail was of interest to me—character of print paper, faces of type, make-up, execution of cuts, together with a similar interest in the articles. Those comics were crackerjacks, first-class humor, and splendid execution. They interested me particularly as indicating the spirit of the troops. Keep the PLANE NEWS

This is from a man who spends thousands yearly for writers and cartoonists to please the public. He studies what the people crave to read. He says the PLANE NEWS gives the indication of the spirit of the troops.

The PLANE NEWS is serving its purpose!

#### Disabled Men For A. R. C.

A recent ruling made by the A. R. C. acting general manager in the United States says that no men will be accepted in the future for Red Cross work overseas, providing he is within draft age, unless he has been rejected upon examination, and not even then unless his disability is visible.

# BIG CROWD OF AIRNATS FALL IN TO SEE LATE HIT "FALLING OUT

#### Rip-Rearin' War Play Backs Nick Carter Off the Hemisphere. Regular Stage and Kisses

Just off Broadway on 2nd Avenue, Somewhere in France, "Falling out" was staged last Saturday night. It was regular dyed-in-the-wool lay-out with proper settings and sure-'nough ladies for canteen workers, nurses, etc. It was a great play depicting the adventures of an American Ace on leave who met with accident, and was slammed in a hospital ward, accordingly. Here's where the love stuff begins to brew. The hospital scene was set similar to the inspiration of "I Dont Want to Get

act, which was a pip, and well acted.

The comedy-drama was written by Donald Polhemus of the 35th Aero Squadron, who has an eye for business and played the hero himself. In the last scene of the last act the pretty babyfaced canteen worker promises to be his'n, and the lights grow a little dim as they embrace and kiss (printer change copy on this, it sounds so flat and unromantic) or rather she looks in his eyes and he in hers, and he takes her hand and she takes his --and--O--o--oh, Boy! Words are uselesss. \* See foot

Following is the program of the play: FALLING OUT-Light comedy in two acts by

# ospital. Time: Afternoon and evening of the

"Ram" Billings, an American Ace on Cast: "Ram" Billings, an American Ace on leave, Don Polhemus; Helen Wells, a canteen worker, Miss Webster; Ruth Chapman, a Red Cross nurse, Miss Hussey; Henry Lewis, Don Farling and Reggie, friends of Ram recently commissioned, Doylemarx Harper, Frank Wilson and Reginald Braine; Fritz, a P. G., Stuart Auer; Mike, another P. G., Jack Williams; Jack Wagner, Helen's half-brother, Bill Runkle; Intelligence Officer, Alfred Parry; An M. P.. A. Schenk Bergen; Bill, Bob and other privates, John Rochelle, Samuel Slotkin, Charles Roberts and Harold Witzal.

Every member of the cast was a credit

Every member of the cast was a credit to his and her parts. It was an effort to please the Airnats with something new and novel. It showed splendid ability and oodles of work.

Miss Schlosser of the Y. M. C. A., together with Lt. John Cohen, directed, managed, instigated and played property chiefs for the "company.

Plays of this kind please everyone, P. G's., spies, booze, love, honor and but have a bad effect on the embryo bomb scene all got a look-in on the last actors with a hallucination of sixty nights on the Orpheum Circuit, for this week eighteen of the afflicted have asked to be made heroes in forthcoming

> \* Foot note: The play was a whim-dinger. The only criticism is that the hero should have been given more opportunity to rehearse that last scene Also the setting of the hospital ward was incom plete without a box of C. C. pills

#### Officers to Practice Shooting With Pistol

The War Department has authorized that officers of the A. E. F. in all branches of the service up to the rank of Colonel will be required to take up pistol practice as soon as is practicable. It is surmised that a large number of new pistol ranges will be built at training camps Donald Polhemus, 35th Aero Squadron.
Act one. Scene: Y. M. C. A. canteen at an American Aviation base in France. Time: Morning.
Act two. Scene: A private room in the camp on this side of the water.

# **NEW PREFIX** SYMBOLIC OF AIR FIGHTERS

Popular Vote Decides It --- Can Be Used to Worry the Hun

# HELP MAKE IT STICK

#### Sergeant Responsible for the Creation

Airnats! So that's what we are? Well, the name has been wished on us—let's try to make it stick. Perhaps when Kaiser Bill has felt the full sting of our bite the name will sound as nice as Yanks or Red Necks.

Anyway, we're off to a flying start. New name and new obligations incurred with the name. Let's go.

Probably you're wondering who in h-gave us the name and why in hhe didn't think of something better. Here's the way it came about:

About three hundred names were suggested in all. So many that the judges had to sit up late nights doping out the significance of them. Some were insignificable, if you know what that means. Anyway, in the course of three offensives launched by the Huns, the Ducks at Lucit of the Red Cre wor. twenty-five.

Then a vote was taken. Then a vote was taken. Anyone and everyone who crossed the judge's tracks who had a past, present or future was asked to vote on the eleven best. And what a vote. Resembled the hick city election campaign to a "T". So the eleven best were found; another vote was cast. Again those lost, strayed or stolen and who were found wandering in the vicinity of the polls were roped in and forced to render their best opinion on the question and the gallant name "Airnats" originated by Sgt. C. B. Swafford, 655th Aero Squadron, received the popular vote.

Here's the name, boys. Make use of it.

#### The Winners

First prize, 100 francs. Airnats—Sgt. C. B. Swafford, 655th Aero Squadron.

ten next best, subscription to PLANE NEWS Sky Larks-Pvt. Leslie Ragan, 21st A. S. Joy Boys-T. T. Ward, Base Hospital 14.

Eagles-Pvt. Rockwell, A. R. C.; Pvt. Botwinick, 467th A. S.; Miss Lester, Y. M. C. A.; Sgt. Zofness, 644th A. S.; Sgt. Holroyd, 801st A. S.

Starshooters-Cpl. Johnson, 49th A. S. Skyscrapers-Pvt. Parker, 26th A. S.; Pvt. Heimbinder, 496th A. S.

Larks-Sgt. McDonald, 26th A. S War Eagles-J. G. Brock, Co. F. 23d Eng. Sky Bo-J. Nainsmith, Y. M. C. A. Sky Jackies-Pvt. R. Nuss, 95th A. S. Joy Stickers-Lieut. E. H. Bean.

#### Male Soda Bartenders Work or Fight

Mrs. Roberts will get you if you don't get out. What humiliation to be run out of your job by a woman. But Mrs. Roberts is the new head of women's division National department of labor at Washington and she's finding competent women to fill the sissy jobs held by ablebodied males. For instance, those of selling pins and ribbons, and especially the job behind the soda bar. And Washington is backing her up.

#### ROBINSON DEFEATS SINGLETON

Pvt. Gene Robinson 26th A. S. who has defeated all comers in the Airnat class, won over his only known rival at the the 3rd A. I. C. Thursday night winning seven games of checker to his op-ponent, Pvt. Singleton's, one.

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#### "All For One Aim-

One Aim For All.'

#### THE TILTON PRIZE

IEUTENANTS Winslow, Campbell Sewall and O'Neill, four all American flyers who went through the American camps of France on the front, have been awarded the \*Tilton prizes for bringing down three or more German

The honorarium given by Uncle Sam to these aviators is presumably adequate for the Air Service in its entirety; but it is felt by the donner of the prizes that the successful airmen, fighting his battle alone and without direction, is endowed with qualities of a high orderskill, intelligence, initiative, sang-froid and exceptional courage.

These qualities command in the war service distinguished honors and emoluments.

The four are well-known in the American Air Forces; are typical Americans; full of life, pep and sunshine, are cool-nerved, clear-eyed and levelheaded. Honors are justified.

\*[The prizes for aviators bringing down three or more German planes were inaugurated by Curtis Tilton of Philadelphia and total 10,200 francs, including 5,000 francs contributed by the Duc and Duchess Talleyrand, and 200 francs from a "L.H.B."

These prizes are to be divided among the first five American aviators bringing down the required

three or more German aeroplanes.

The old Knights of the Air transferred from Allied Armies are not eligible.

#### BULL

SOME men are not exactly liars, but artists of camouflage. The simple age ... nglish is

From The Daily Advocate, Belleville, Illinois, U. S. A., is printed part of a communication from a Geo. T. Shuster, a daring cook in the -th Aero Squadron.

It happens this squadron is stationed in a far-peaceful part of England. An occasional glimpse of Gothas is as near as the battle and strife in France ever reaches them.

But read the letter, which was headed "Yanks Went After Member Taken Pris-

"George T. Shuster, a member of the —th Aero Squadron, American Expeditionary Forces, has just written a letter to the First National Bank of this city in which he states that the boys are enjoying their 'jaunt after the Kaiser immensely.' The letter is dated May 30, 1918.

'The other day Fritz made a surprise attack and took one of our lads prisoners,' writes Shuster. 'As soon as this was found out the Sammies went over and brought him back along with a fine Hun for good luck. In the big drive which the Germans are putting on now the Allies are giving a little ground now and then, but you can bet that Fritz is paying for it with dead men."

Shuster didn't lie. The incident happened. He read of it probably in the Daily Mail or some other paper that reaches the abode of his squadron, far from the factual strife of war, yet he words his letter in such a manner as to construe that the -th Squadron are rip-snorting-go-gettum-fire-eaters.

Shuster's letter is an example of the near-untruths that are written to leave certain impressions. The Belleville papers have grabbed on such letters and used hear-say facts time and time again.

Their editors have been thoroughly explained the ways of the Air Service. They should know the difference between officers, cadets and enlisted mechanics. They continually print stories of "lieutenants" who are bucks, of rookies who are pulling heavy air stuff in England after four months in the army, and of squadrons that are "stationed" in Italy.

The Belleville papers are typical of many papers in the States.

Why in the name of all that is Holy can't editors use their beacs and learn bull from facts.

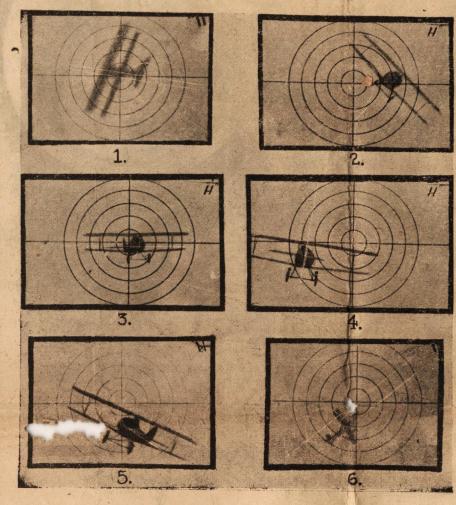
# Aerial "Gunning" With the Camera **Effective Practice for the Pilot**

Two pilots may begin training at the same time. One may develop into a better flier, but the other may, by natural inclination, take a hankering after the shooting end of the game. He will probably spend every available minute in aerial gunnery practice. In some cases airmen have been known to do everything but sleep with his gun. It has often been said that next to his plane, the chasse aviator loves his gun, for while it is true that his life depends on his plane when he is flying, just so does his life depend on the working of the gun and his ability to use it when the enemy is combated.

When both fliers have been sent to the front, it is found that the one who

veloped immediately after he lands, teaches the aviator in a very short time. Certainly the camera detects a man's mistake better than the man himself could with the naked eye if he were firing at some object in practice.

The accompanying photographs are few selected at random from the photographic record of an American flier. He has been taught how to judge distance in the air, the way to figure deflection, and at what point to shoot ahead of him on his line of flight. If the object plane of his fire is movingin the same direction ahead of him, he learns that deflection is not necessary to figure and that all he has to do is get within range which would be two hundred



Poor. Line of flight right. No deflection allowed. Figure 2. Line of flight wrong. Plane would not have been hit.

Good shot, Little ahead and little below.

Figure 4. Direct miss. Line of flight way off.

Figure 5. Line of flight below true center. Deflection correct. Plane would

ave been hit by few bullets.

Figure 6. Miss. Plane would not have passed center.

is the better shot is the one who piles up the successes. Indeed, he is the one most apt to survive and be of real service to his country.

How Uncle Sam is training his aviators to shoot is a long story involving considerable technical detail. Hours and hours of gunnery study is required of every pilot, who before he ever touches the trigger is schooled in deflection synchronization calibration the study of the bullet, and numerous other things on which his success as a gunner depends. Of all, perhaps the most interesting part is the work done with the camera gun.
"Shooting" With a Lens

The Camera gun is a device that in appearance, resembles the regular type Lewis Machine gun. Instead of it's muzzle letting loose volleys of bullets, a lens is fitted and the inside so constructed that when the flier has his adversary in correct sight and range and the trigger is pulled, a picture is made, which, when developed, shows just where his shot was at fault. Constant practice in the air, and the study of his mistakes through these pictures which are de-

yards or less, estimate the enemy's ligne de vol, and then he can score a hit. On the other hand should his target be a plane climbing up and off to one side of him deflection, range and line of flight all have to be considered.

#### Ten Bullets to the "Burst"

Approximately ten bullets are fired to every burst or volley in actual aerial gunfire. This, for the reason that ter bullets if fired within proper range will hit on approximately every object within a radius of thirty feet at that distance. So if the shot is properly directed the enemy plane will pass through his fire and thus be put out of control, set fire to, or perhaps the pilot will be killed, thereby causing the ship to be destroyed.

Unlike the real machine gun, the camera gun only takes one picture to every burst, as when the picture has finally been developed it will show just what portions of the target machine would have come under the gun's fire. And through continuous study of the pictorial record of his "shooting" the flier quickly learns to correct his misses and effect accurate hits.

#### Notice L. O. O. M. Notice

All members with the A. E. F. please correspond with Vice-Director, Joseph Jenkin, 5 Boulevard Maleshebe, Paris. Important.

#### Them Orders is Posted--Comply

The Red Cross at the 3rd Aviation Instruction Center calls attention to their recent notice regarding the hours of the

They are from 8 to 9, 11 to 1 and 6 to 7. The order, or rather request, is not

being exactly complied with. Kind consideration will lighten the work of all concerned at the mending shop.

### Bucks Get In Movies--Oh, Boy!

Pictures of the 3rd Aviation Instruction Center were shown at "local theatres" recently and more than one buck got to see his image as others see him.

Buck Pessemist says that while the movies were being taken, the gang washed aeroplanes more energetically than they ever washed them before.



OF COURSE, "IF"

A big crowd attended a lecture on Perpetual Motion once and drank in a lot of dope about how the new company that was being formed would have the world at its feet. But nary a word was spoken of the machine. Of course there was none.

Reminds us of the Germans having abolished the idea that they can feed their people with victory talk. While their present retreat is going on the press confines itself to telling the people what victory would mean to them.

Of course it would, if ---!

INTACT

Flier (just having landed): "Sergeant, I think a couple of those cylinders e missing. Sergeant (counting them): "No, they are all here, sir."

#### FARE ENOUGH

May I suggest conductors' jobs
For all our wounded Bills and Bobs? Twould be a stunt beyond compare, For "none but brave deserve the fare."

KONGRESSIONAL KIDDERS

Mr. Greene of Vermont: "The trouble is that in aviation it is literally true that the sky is the limit."-Congressional Record.

AND THIS IS FAME! Lives of great men all remind us We may win our meed of praise And, departing, leave behind us Brand-new legal holidays!

AN AVIATOR WOULD CALL IT ACES

Buck Billings says that the trouble with playing poker in a rest camp is that an Engineer will call trumps a spade when a doughboy M. P. insists on calling

Rearin' Rookie: "What do you consider the age old discretion?" Hardboiled Serg: "When a buck learns not to argue over fatigue."

ALSO ADD COOTIES AND COLONELS

Famous Lovers:

Eve and the Serpent. Satan and Mrs. Medusa. The Kaiser and the Furies. John Barleycorn and Lady Nicotine. - Life.

Generally speaking it is hardly safe for a man that drives an ammunition wagon to make light of his work.

#### HA' YE GOT A POSTAGE STAMP

He's a Comin', is the Gen'ral For to visit our camp, I ha' on ving for to ask him,

For I ha' writte. a lassie Who is in a German camp, And I cannot post the letter Till I get a postage stamp.

Ay, they took her from the village When they pushed us back a mile, And I'm thinkin' on her al'ays And the beauty of her smiles.

How she smiled into my eyes.

Aye, the Gen'ral's self would love her,

And be covetin' my prize.

I'll no tell her name to any So ye need'na try to guess. 'Tis a sound o' gentle music, 'Tis a lingerin' caress.

But I'll tell him how to help me, When he comes to see our camp. I ha' one thing for to ask him, "Ha' ye got a postage stamp?" D. L., (Y. M. C. A.)

SUMMER GIRLS AND SOME ARE OLDER

The bathing suits worn at summer resorts Are fashioned entirely wrong; Although they're designed to make women look short, They make all the fellows look long.

THE REASON

It seemed that when Rastus and Sam died they took different routes; so when the latter got to heaven he called Rastus on the phone.

"Rastus," he said, "how yo' like it down thar?

"Oh, boy! Dis here am some place," replied Rastus. "All we has ter do is to wear a red suit wid horns, an' ebery now an' den shovel some coal on de fire. We don't work no' more dan two hours out ob twenty-four down here. But tell me Sam, how is it with you up yonder?"

"Mah goodness! We has to git up at fo' o'clock in the mawnin' an' gathah in de stahs; den we has to haul in de moon and hang out de sun. Den we has ter roll de clouds aroun' all day long.' "But, Sam, how come it y' has ter work so hard?"

"Well, to tell de truf, nastus, we's kin' o' short on help up here."

HOW ABOUT IT?

All the world kids a lover. But what the world loves is a kidder.

#### THE CONSERVATIONIST'S WAIL

Father Adam-lucky brute Had us moderns beat a mile! Never found last summer's suit Full of moths and out of style,

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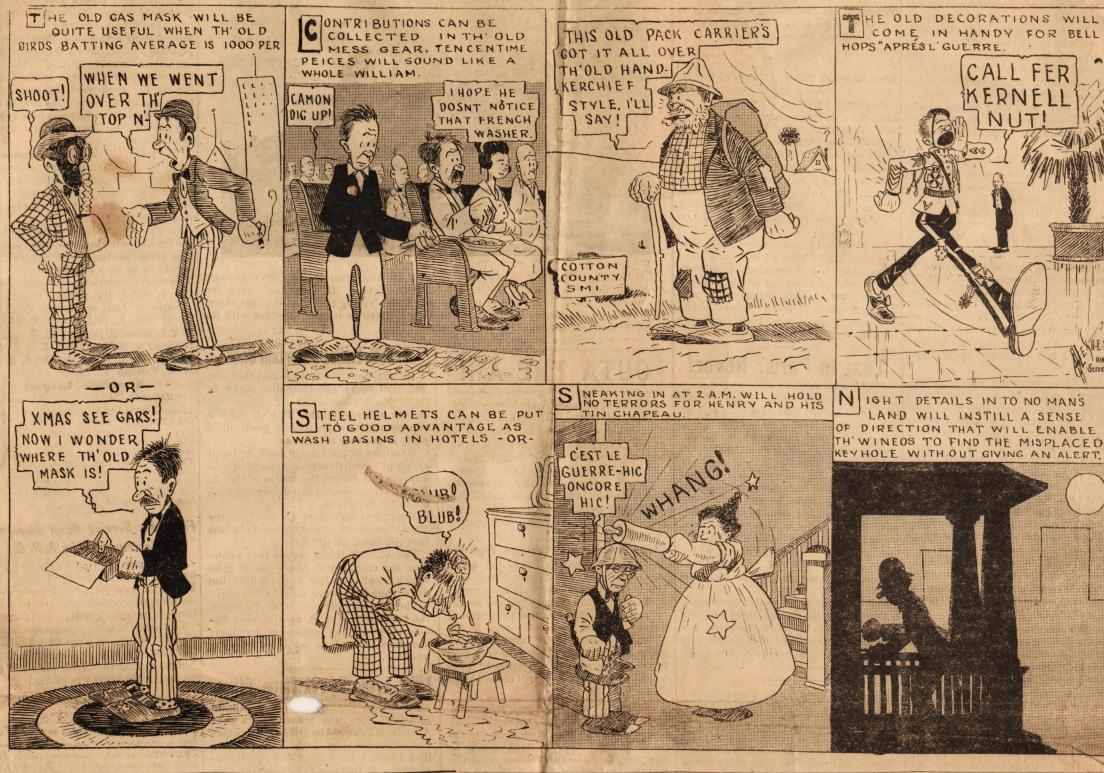
### American Expeditionary Forces

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The other day When a rookie blew In headquarters Wanting to know Who was the C. O. and what an Orderly had to
Do the hardBoiled C. O. sez:

"Do you belong To the army."

And the rookie Sed "No, he was Drafted for the Duration of This expedition."

On being questioned The rookie also Admitted to the C.O. it was the first Time he ever pulled The orderly stunt.

So the C. O. tells Him to take His chair at the Maple desk and He would go out & would return, Reporting as a Regular dyed-in-the Wool mititary Orderly should do.

So the C. O. beat It and the Rookie sat down At the shrine.

He also propped his Feet among the Papers and lit one

Of the C. O.'s Hab-Nana Manila ropes.

It was a great Experience for the Rural rookie.

There was a brisk Knock at the door.

The rookie lazily Yawned and sed "Come in."

The C. O. stepped Smartly up in front Of the desk, clicked His heels logether, Saluted, stood At attention and Reported:

"Sir, Private Roughneck reports As orderly of The day.'

The rookie flipped The ashes from his Cigar and I awned again.

The C.O. still stood At attention to See how the rookie Will pull the Military stuff.

The rookie yawned Again and sed:

"Alright, sweep out And go to Your bunk-that'll Be all for today."

# Rumors and Rumbles

THE EPISTLES OF PETE By GENE D. ROBINSON

"Somewhere in Russia,

Juneski, 19-Dearski Steve:-The reason I didn't write you today was that we had horse for dinner. Outside of that they wasn't nothing but regulation khaki colored water and theys not enough time in one afternoon to eat that there steak we have and write a letter too. I bet they aint. I guess it is all because the mess sergeant can't read these here French calendars and figgers that they call for three months and not three meals a day and if he figgers that way he ought to be decorated for doing his duty. I bet he ought. But outside of that every-

thing is lovely. They was a stranger come up to eat dinner with us and he asked a bird if we had good meals and this here bird tells him he don't know as he has only been here three months. But we can always figger on one good meal a week and I will say that it takes figgers as you got to add up the whole weeks meals to be able to say they was one good one and I don't say figgers don't lie either. If this here mess sergeant of ours was to start a restaurant he would have to put on his menu "pay before eating" and even then they would wreck his place with riots. If they was to give him charge of feeding the German army they would be peace in three days and the only reason we don't die from indigestion is that they aint never nothing "indestomach" and our stomachs has all broke off diplomatic relations with our mouths and theys ultimatiums sent everytime our stomachs figger we is having a meal.

The number of meatless meals we have in a month looks like Ty Cobbs batting record for a season and I guess this here bird of a mess sergeant figgers he is a second Hoover and if Shermrn had | ment statted and leave half of the stamp

of seen some of these meals he would of added a lot to "hell". If that there bird Robert E. Peary had of had this here mess sergeant with him when he started up to the pole he would of never went further than Maine and I bet that bird could of fed more than five thousand with them there five fishes back in the year 600 Before Baseball. And if they was to start to using cavalry again in this here war I guess we would starve and according to some of this here steak they don't need no armor to protect horses. I bet they don't.

Only thing that keeps down a riot at dinner is that we aint eating on meal tickets and because they is a Red Cross here. They was one bird made a mistake and eat his shoe for dinner and according to him thats the only time he ever had a good meal here but that may be just another rumor. The only difference between our dinners and breaktasts is six hours and the only difference in the drinks is that the water for dinner is clear. When they have hot cakes they is as tough as losing your girl and I have to watch to keep from making that there original mistake of eating my mess gear lid for a cake. As they just have them there hot cakes once a month I figger that they think our shoes need soling about that often and if they is a air raid here I hope I can get under some of that dough they use. I bet I do.

These here suppers aint got nothing on their sidekicks outside of that we can sleep afterwards and forget it. They is one thing we have regular for supper and thats the same we have for dinner and if this here mess sergeant bird feeds us according to our character I guess we is all Jesse James. They have pie every day in the week outside of the first seven days and we will have steak and eggs just as soon as peace is declared and the cooks will have to take cooking by mail if they learn to cook and outside of that everything is lovely.

Answer soon as they is a war of move-

#### OCIFER, CALL A COP

Went into the barber shop the other day to get a shave and do you know every barber in the place was shaving

I said to the barber nearest me: "How is business?" He said: "Rather dull; we are just scraping along.'

The barber who was shaving me had a very bad breath. He said: "Shall I shave you close?" I said: "No; stand

He said: "What will you have on your face?" I said: "Nothing if you keep on." "Ah, ha!" said he; "have you ever tried any of our hair tonic?" "No", said I; "but a friend of mine did. He drank

two bottles and now he has a hair lip. "What will you have on your head? said the butcher-I mean the barber. "My hat," said I, as I was going thru the door.

## THE KING OF GAMBLERS

All men are gamblers, whate'er the stakes,
Whether for love, riches or a fleeting fame
Matters not. 'Tis the thrill of gambling that takes
Us and binds us fast in the meshes of the game.

We play and all else is forgotten when we lay
Our wager. And we in breathless suspense await
The cast of the die. Win or lose none can say
Which it will be--that answer must be made by fate Hail to the King of Gamblers, the fighter of the air For he wagers that which cannot be replaced, His life. With which no other wager can compare Life, that fleeting span when once it has in hasto Departed from us, returneth not, and we go back,

Back to that mysterious void from which we cam-But the King of Gamblers reckons not, but follow in the track Of countless other players, who have staked their

life 'gainst fame.

He needs must win at every play, for one false throw And he has lost his all. He has no more to stake. And if he win a fame is his as fleeting as the snow That falls on a winter day. Still he must take the Chance. For the game has claimed him for its prey And tho' he win again and yet again the tim draws near

When he must lose. And with the life he staked his wager pay,
Hail to the King of Gamblers, the fighter of the

unlicked for me and hoping you are the Fastingly. same.

## WHISKERS

See them on the boulevards, up and down the

Brown and black and pappled ones, legitimate and parvenu.

ome are silk and satin-like, Others coarse and Latin-like

Rugged, knurly, Stubborn-curly,

Sprouting in a hurly-burly. Here a dash and there a tang. Here the classic, there the slang,
But the cut and curl of fashion
Index of a worldly station.
Stately, diplomatic whiskers
Side by side with stubbly friskers.
Some ontercled in the wind. Some, entangled in the wind, Float like antennae behind. Others, firmer, hold together In the teeth of wind and weather. Some like spearheads, others brooms, Some like monumental tombs In one ecstatic flight conceived Of some tonsorial mind relieved In shaping whiskers after trees Planting them like gluey pasters O'er a face which ne'er was meant To bristle with such coarse intent.

Whiskers, whiskers Scraggly whiskers, Turpentined and beeswaxed whiskers,

Scabrous whiskers, Knotted whiskers, Lubricated, glabrous whiskers, Monumental alabaster, Sprouting slow or sprouting faster,--See them on the Avenue, Legitimate and parvenu

-CLIFFORD B. CRESCENT, 496 Aero Squadron, A. E. F.

## Father Said He Was King and Mother Crowned Him

Did I ever tell you where I met my wife? No? Then listen, my children, and you shall hear how I got stung for

I met her in I-. Yes; that's a town. Not a regular town, you understand, but just a volunteer. It's one of those towns the farther away from it you get, the better you like it. It's the only town in the world that could turn out a woman like my wife. If they had turned her out sooner she would have been better off.

### BATTER UP!

Snappy fielding, the mighty bat wielded by Trettin, coupled with the high class article of pitching displayed by Haskell contributed to the defeat of the improved 33rd by the 26th. The fast blonde shortstop tripled on his first appearance at the platter and negotiated the home plate on a wild return to the infield. On his next visit to the rubber Trettin slammed a clean home run to deep left.

Huber, formerly of the New York State League, and Fly, whose fast ball is on a par with his cognomen, are the new pitching finds of the 33rd. Fly twirled great ball against 35th and 32nd, limiting the hitting efforts of the former to one hit and holding the latter to a quartette of safe slams.

Eirich starred both at the bat and in the box in the Hospital-1st Co. M. M clash, driving in the winning runs in the ninth. The pill dispensers since losing the mighty Comerford have been hard pressed for pitchers and Eirich has been compelled to go to the mound in every game. The lone twirler has performed creditably.

An incident occurred in the above mentioned battle which demonstrated the good sportsmanship that characterizes the diamond sport as played by our local major leaguers. Rapp of the Motor Macks had reached third and attempted to score on a grounder to short. The flying runner and the speedily returned ball arrived at the plate simultaneously but Kimball, Hospital's crack catcher, apparently tagged the runner out and the umpire rendered his decision. Rapp immediately protested that the catcher had dropped the ball in the mix-up. Lieut. Brownlee, handling the indicator, had not seen it and put the matter up to Kimball who frankly admitted dropping the sphere. The decision was reversed and the runner called safe.

The 13th Co. M. M., a newcomer in the National League, has proved a pretty tough nut to crack. Its present standing would appear to be no criterion of their true strength. Starting off against the 1st Co. M. M., the 13th Co. M. M. dropped a close one by a 2-1 score. Following came a tie game, 2-2, with the 32nd, then another, 5-5, with the 26th. The play-off of the first dead-lock resulted in another close defeat by the count of 5-4. In its latest encounter the 13th Co. triumphed over the Hospital nine by 2-1.

In all around team play the 32nd appears to possess considerable class, especially in the outfield. Milan, Wills and Forney comprise an outfield which gobbles everything hit to the outer gardens a la the old Boston Red Sox matchless trip. "Pep" Hayes on first enlivens the inner defense with his snappy work and is a power at the bat and on the paths. In the 32nd-13th Co. argument Hayes stretched a mere single into a round trip by dint of fast foot work and a pair of wild heaves.

No runs were scored in the 1st Co .-30th contest until the seventh when the run-making efforts of two adversaries were aided and abetted by the gather ing darkness. 1st Co. scored one run in their half and 30th did likewise and had two runners on when Umpire Jennings called the game for fear of someone sustaining an injury from a thrown ball in the darkness. The score accordingly reverted to the count at the end of the 6th, 0-0.

#### INSIGNIFICANT INSIGNIA-LESS NON-COMS NOW

Whoops, Me Deah! The Stamp of S. O. S. Must Disappear from the Great Chow Grabbers

Whether you are Q. M., M. C., S. C. O. C. or S. O. L., you've gotta cut that insignia outta that one chevron left on your right chow grabber. According to Bulletin 24, Hq. S. O. S., A. E. F., U. S uniform regulations have been changed and the insignia of arm of service on chevrons for sergeants, corporals and lance corporals must be eliminated.

A sharp razor blade or a keen pair of scissors should be used in carefully removing the insignia from the chevron.

The order is interpreted not to include sergeants first-class and master signal electricians.

The bulletin has caused favorable com ment in that it is one of the many steps being taken by the government toward uniformity, causing less paper work on requisitions, supply departments and the individual non-com himself who happens to be transferred from one branch of service to another.

## Taxi In Paris? Never!

"Where to, sir?"

The old familiar song. But it will give the average soldier a start to hear it so far away from dear old New York. Yet, it is heard every day by the "Americanne Officier" who is fortunate en ough to get to Paris.

The A. R. C. has provided another comfort for the lost sheep in the great Every train is met by a well groomed driver who backs his bus against the Gare D'Orsay door, and waits for the U. S. officers who may emerge from within the depths of the great French terminal. And without cost quickly conveys one to any part

For the service the only recompense realized by the proprietors is good will. One who has business in the metropolis and who has had occasion to make use of this fine service knows how much appreciated it is.

#### Librarys Overseas Increased

Official announcement has been made

Cross abroad that a large shipment of books from the States have arrived in France and will soon be distributed around to the various librarys already established in the A. E. F

The shipment, occording to the information received, includes story books, technical books and magazines.

#### CATHOLIC SERVICES

Commencing Sunday, Aug. 17, two Masses will be celebrated at this field every Sunday. The first Mass will be t 7:30 a. m. and the second at 9:00 a. m.

Monday, Aug. 18, at 6:30 a.m. there will be a Mass of Requiem for our soldiers who have fallen in battle.

Confessions every Saturday 4;00 lo 6:00 p. m. and 7:00 to 9:30 p. m.

#### SIGMA NU FRATERNITY

All members of the Sigma Nu Fraternity who can so arrange are invited to meet the Regent of the Fraternity for dinner at the Hotel Wagram, Paris, Monday evening, August 26th at 6 p. m.

—European Edition New York Herald.

Capt. K. G. Pulliam Jr. 3rd A. I. C. requests all members of the Sigma Nu at this Center to get in touch with him as an effort is to be made to organze a Fraternity in this section.

#### FIRST HUN PLANE DOWNED BY ALL-AMERICAN 'AIRNAT'



Lt Douglas Campbell, American ace and all-American trained flier brought lown the first Boche plane for the U.S. at the front. Lt. Campbell since has downed four more planes and is now in the States giving the benefit of his experience to those who are to follow in his footsteps. Here he is seen together with the burning debris of America's first air trophy.

# OUTA THE AIR

Nearer to Adam's Style Every Day

1919 styles of men's clothes in the U S. will be more simplified and permit of fewer varieties than ever before, according to a government order sent to clothing manufacturers. Clothing salesmen will carry practically no samples and the males who are not khaki clad will likely wear tight-fitting, shape-exposing coverings in an effort to conserve cloth.

Clean Mugs for Pershing's Fighters

'Course most of us bucks hev got a Gem Dam-aski, an Oughto Strop or a Police Gillette and keep our faces pretty well mowed. But the government means to make doubly sure and provision is being made to issue every man in the A. E. F. a razor. Yeah, and if you've been shinin' your shoes with your hair brush or accidentally swallowed your toothbrush Uncle Sam will issue one of

What Becomes of Bank Profits

It's nothing new to us that banks make money. Shure, that's what they're in business for. But they're not going to any more. May sound funny, still the Senate has enacted a bill giving the directors of all national banks authority to give all dividends to the Red Cross. C'mon you depositors in the States, fill up the banks. Now you can even save money and be patriotic.

End Cabarets in New York

No more high kicking and jazzy music with meals in New York. Maybe! The death knell is likely to be sounded any day by the greatest city's latest proposed ordinance. Oh, poor people. And here we are over here having music with our meals—every meal. Uhuh, bugle music and the harmony of 150 chawing chawers eating soup. will you join the army?

#### Girls in Overalls for the L. L. L. L.

Building "the cavalry of the air" is no little job. Uncle Sam has recruited all competent and available help. Out west in Oregon with the Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen who are cutting the spruce that goes into our planes is an "overalled" corps of lumberwomen. Us ginks got a peek at such things coming through England and France. Yep, it was nice alright, but we think we would like to go back home.

### A. R. C. Ladies Entertain Band

Well, fellers, it was too bad that you were not there on Thursday night to enjoy the fun but as it was a most exclusive affair, even the PLANE NEWS representative experienced great difficulty in gaining admission.

Members of the 1st Air Service Band received a well deserved opportunity to enjoy a real dance, the ladies of the A. R. C. having cleared the officer's dining room for the event.

Music was furnished by the "Motor Macks" orchestra which seemed anxious that the Band should have the best.

The A. R. C. ladies served real American ice cream and home made cake which recalled to the boy's minds the days when they were kids.

The Post melody men wish to thank the ladies of the A. R. C. and also the members of the orchestra for their kindness in making such an evening

## Lieut. Lyons New Athletic Officer

Following the do re of Captain Kearney, who was for nearly a year Athletic Officer at the 3rd A. I. C., comes the announcement from headquarters that Lieut. John J. Lyons of the Head-quarters Detachment is appointed to succeed him.

Lieut. Lyons is an old college "grad", is a lover of all sports, especially football, and the fact that he has taken active part in sports at college makes him doubly equipped to hold down the

Preparations under his direction have already been started for a football program on the post this fall.

#### Airnat Puts Unsigned Ad in Paper

You, who ever you are, that put an ad in the I- Echo recently regarding the loss of four watches, how do you expect them to be returned when you inserted no return address?

The watches have been found and if you call at the Echo office or the home of Mme. Veuve Blot said property will be returned to you on identification.

Officer: "Do you understand the duties of an orderly?"
Rookie Buck; "Yes, sir. You wake

up the clerks when the C. O. is coming.'

## **Tight Race in National**

The closest kind of a race between the three top teams developed in the National League. On every game played by the members of the "Big Three" hinges their respective chances for the pennant and the prospect of participating in the "world's series." The present two top-liners were both defeated during the past week by teams hopelessly out of the race. As the 30th put over two wins the latter is now right on the heels of the two leaders who are deadlocked.

When the 1st Co. M. M. hooked up with the 30th Wednesday evening an exciting battle ended in a tie score. The impending clash between the 1st Co. M. M. and 32nd should also be strenuously fought.

In the American the 10th increased it's lead by winning two games. Barring accidents the Field 8 entry should breeze in an easy winner.

Scores: American League, 10th 8, 12th 0: 10th 3, 21st 1; 802nd 9, 37th 0.

National League, 32nd 5, 13th Co. M. M. 4; 30th 3, 13th Co. M. M. 1; 26th 3, 33rd 2; Hosp. 5, 1st Co. M. M. 4; 26th 5, 12th Co. M. M. 5; 30th 9, 35th 5; 33rd 7, 32nd 2; 1st Co. M. M. 1, 30th 1; 13th Co. M. M. 2, Hosp. 1

Standing of Leagues

National			Am	American			
Teams	W.	L. Pct.	Teams	W.	L.	Pct.	
istCo MM	9 1	.818	10th	7	1	.875	
32nd	9 2	.818	641st	5	3	.625	
3oth	8 4	.800	31st	4	3	.571	
Hosp.	7 5	.583	37th	4	4	.500	
35th	4 (	.400	802nd	3	5	.375	
26th	.3	.300	21St	2	4	.333	
33rd	3 7		23rd Eng.	1	5	.167	
13th M.M.	1	3 .250	12th M.M.	0	0	.000	
642nd	0 10	,000					

#### First Air Service Band Given More Instruments by A. R. C.

Once again the Red Cross has lent a nelping hand to the First Air Service Band. A new lot of expensive instruments were received recently to replace those of inferior grade.

Increases in horn equipment, a donation of 500 francs from PLANE NEWS for new music and a supply from Lt. Nelson during the week puts the band up one notch higher in efficiency.

#### WANTS

Rates: 1 franc per line, 8 words to line 

FOUND-Campaign Hat near camp. Owner FOUND-Dog Tag, Schuyler L. Hoff, apply

LOST—Pocket-book. Finder return to Corp. Clobaugh, 21st Aero, for reward

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